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Case 8391

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of : Confirmation No. 1139  
 Ehrnsperger et al. : Group Art Unit 1724  
 Serial No. 09/849,554 : Examiner Ivars C. Cintins  
 Filed May 4, 2001  
 For USE OF ABSORBENT MATERIALS TO SEPARATE WATER FROM  
 LIPOPHILIC FLUID

Commissioner for Patents  
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 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION**

This is a complete response to the Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2003.  
 Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continue examination of the present  
 application in view of the present amendments and accompanying remarks.

Attached hereto is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, and the fee  
 required under 37 CFR §1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including August  
 8, 2003.

**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 6 of this paper.

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